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For: OPTICAL FIBER ASSEMBLY HAVING)	Docket No. 000004.00680
HERMETIC SEAL PORTION AND METHOD)	
FOR MAKING THE SAME)	

**REQUEST FOR CONSIDERATION OF DOCUMENTS SUBMITTED IN
SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

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P.O. Box 1450
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Date: March 1, 2005

Sir:

A Notice of Allowance was mailed January 11, 2005. Therein, the Examiner noted consideration on January 4, 2005 of references submitted in an Information Disclosure Statement dated October 10, 2003 by returning an initialed copy of Form PTO-1449. However, a Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement was filed December 23, 2004, before the Examiner considered the prior IDS and before the mailing of the Notice of Allowance.

The Examiner is requested to note consideration of the documents submitted with the Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement, to return an initialed copy of Form PTO/SB/08a, and to have all documents submitted by Applicants listed on the face of the

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patent when it issues. A copy of the Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement and Form PTO/SB/08a, submitted December 23, 2004 (without copies of the submitted documents) are appended to this Request.

Respectfully submitted,

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- ☐ A check is attached in the amount required under 37 CFR §1.17(p).

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- ☐ Attached is a copy of applicant's pending application(s) or issued patent(s) which may be related to the present application. These documents are listed on form PTO-1449, also attached.
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- ☐ Each item of information contained in this information disclosure statement was cited for the first time in any communication from a foreign patent office in any counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this statement.
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- ☐ This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed within three months of the filing date of the subject patent application.
- ☒ This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits.

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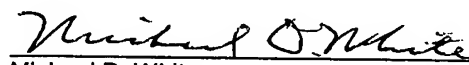
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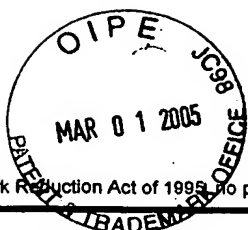
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